

NEWS & NOTES

NATIONAL • STATE • COUNTY

LOS ANGELES

The Metropolitan Dermatological Society of Los Angeles elected the following officers for 1959: President, Dr. Eliot Wolk, Sherman Oaks; vice-president, Dr. Max Popper; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Murray C. Zimmerman.

* * *

The Second International Symposium on Myasthenia Gravis will be held in Los Angeles at the Statler Hotel Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. Papers will be presented by leading authorities from Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Russia and the United States.

Information concerning the program in detail may be obtained from Dr. Kermit E. Osserman, 4 East 89th Street, New York 28, New York.

SAN FRANCISCO

The California chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians will hold its annual meeting in San Francisco, February 21, the day before the opening of the 88th annual session of the California Medical Association. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Morning and afternoon scientific sessions will be held in the Rose Room and at noon there will be a luncheon in the Comstock Room.

* * *

The San Francisco Graduate Club of Phi Delta Epsilon will hold a dinner-dance at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, Monday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Reservations may be made through Dr. Stanley Diamond, 350 Post Street, San Francisco.

* * *

The California Medical Assistants' Association will hold its board of trustees meeting February 21 and 22 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel immediately before the California Medical Association meeting. It was scheduled at that time in order that the representatives from 35 counties who are to attend will also have opportunity to view the portion of the California Medical Association's motion picture program which has been planned for nurses and medical assistants on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings in the Comstock Room at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

The annual meeting of the California Medical Assistants' Association will be held April 18 and 19 in Pasadena.

* * *

The American College of Allergists will hold a graduate instructional course in allergy at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, March 15, 16 and 17 and then its 15th annual meeting on March 18, 19 and 20.

SAN JOAQUIN

Dr. James R. Powell of Stockton became president of the San Joaquin County Medical Society and Dr. Clarence A. Luckey, also of Stockton, was named president-elect to succeed to the presidency next year.

SAN MATEO

Dr. William H. Thompson of Burlingame was installed as president of the San Mateo County Medical Society at the annual meeting in December, and Dr. Robert O. Holmes of San Mateo, formerly secretary, was elected president-elect. Dr. Frank J. Novak of Menlo Park succeeded Dr. Holmes as secretary.

SONOMA

Dr. Lucius Button was installed as president of the Sonoma County Medical Society at the organization's meeting in December, and Dr. Cedric C. Johnson was named president-elect. Reelected secretary-treasurer was Dr. Clayton B. Taylor.

GENERAL

The 14th National Conference on Rural Health will be held at Wichita, Kansas, March 5 to 7. The conference is promoted by the Council on Rural Health of the American Medical Association, state medical associations and farm and educational organizations.

The program will stress mental health, problems of aging, nutrition, dental health, the costs of medical care and various aspects of health insurance.

* * *

The American College of Gastroenterology has announced the establishment of an award contest for the best unpublished paper on research in gastroenterology or an allied field. This award is to be known as the Henry G. Rudner, Sr., Award, honoring Dr. Henry G. Rudner, Sr., of Memphis, chairman of the research committee of the American College of Gastroenterology and former chairman of the board of governors of the organization. The prize will be \$750 plus \$250 for traveling expenses to present the paper at the 24th annual convention of the college, which is to be held in Los Angeles in September.

The contest will be open to anyone with the degree of Doctor of Medicine from a recognized medical school or university. Deadline for receipt of manuscripts is June 1. Particulars may be obtained from the College at 33 West 60th Street, New York 23.

* * *

The Eighth Congress of the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, September 28 through October 5 in 1960.

All members of the profession are cordially invited to attend and are urged to make arrangements as soon as possible if they wish to be assured of adequate facilities. Further information and brochures may be obtained by writing to Dr. F. J. Pinkerton, Director General of the association, Suite 230, Alexander Young Building, Honolulu 13.

* * *

The Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the International College of Surgeons announced its second annual competition for two awards for the best manuscripts on a phase of obstetrics and gynecology. The first award will be \$500 and the second \$300.

The contest is limited to interns, residents, or graduate students in obstetrics and gynecology, or to those engaged in the practice or teaching of the specialty. The deadline for entries is June 1. Particulars may be obtained from Dr. Harvey A. Gollin, secretary of the prize committee, 55 East Washington Street, Chicago 2.